

**Chapter 4**  
**NAVAL RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS (NROTC) SCHOLARSHIP**  
**PROGRAM**

1. References

(a) MILPERSMAN 1533-010 and 1533-020

2. Program Information

a. The purpose of the NROTC Scholarship Program is to educate and train well-qualified young men and women for careers as commissioned officers of the Navy's Unrestricted Line and Nurse Corps. The NROTC Scholarship program (excluding Nurse Corps option) primarily focuses on technical fields of study, such as engineering, math, and physics, which lead to appointments in the Unrestricted Line communities. Some scholarships for non-technical degrees are also offered, but greater emphasis is given to technical majors to meet the increasing demand for technical training in the Fleet. The Unrestricted Line offers opportunities in Surface Warfare, Submarines, Aviation, Special Warfare and Special Operations. Nurse Corps option graduates receive commissions in the Nurse Corps. Initial appointments are in the grade of Ensign, United States Naval Reserve with a minimum service obligation of four years.

b. The four-year and two-year NROTC Scholarship Programs provide qualified students with tuition, books, instructional fees, uniforms, and a subsistence allowance of \$200 per month. Room and board expenses are not provided. Enlisted personnel selected for and enrolled in NROTC Scholarship Programs are released from active duty and are not eligible for active duty pay and allowances, medical benefits, or other active duty entitlements while in these programs.

c. Scholarship students must successfully complete naval science courses, drills, and summer training prior to graduation from college. Selectees must attend classes full-time during the academic year.

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3. Eligibility Requirements

a. U.S. citizenship is required and cannot be waived.

b. Age. Applicants must be under 27 years of age on 30 June of the year in which eligible for commissioned status. An age waiver may be granted for prior active military service, on a month-for-month basis (**for a maximum of 36 months**), computed as of 1 September of the year of enrollment in NROTC. The applicant must not reach his/her 30<sup>th</sup> birthday by 30 June of the year in which graduation and commissioning are anticipated. Command verification of service must be provided to receive an age waiver.

c. Applicants must be of good moral character and have no courts-martial conviction or civilian felony conviction. Have no record of disciplinary action under Article 15, Uniform Code of Military Justice, or conviction by civil court for misdemeanors (except minor traffic violations) during the three years preceding application for the program. Any substantiated drug use or alcohol incident, while in an enlisted status, is considered an aspect of an individual's professional performance and judgement and will be considered when assessing future leadership potential.

d. Marital Status and number of dependents. No restrictions. Members must be counseled as to the financial limitations of the program.

e. Physical qualifications. Applicants must be physically qualified and in excellent health as determined by the Department of Defense Medical Examination Review Board (DODMERB).

f. Education and Scholastic Aptitude

(1) Applicants must qualify in competition based on SAT or ACT scores. As a minimum, the following scores from a single test are required: SAT, verbal 530 and math 520; or ACT, English 22 and math 22.

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(2) Applicants must be a high school graduate or hold a GED.

(3) Applicants with more than 30 semester hours or 45 quarter hours of college credit at the beginning of the term in which they intend to start college are ineligible for the four-year NROTC Scholarship.

g. Applicants must be recommended by their commanding officers.

4. Additional Requirements for the Two-year NROTC Scholarship Program:

a. Proof of acceptance into junior year standing by an NROTC host or cross-town college or university must be submitted with the application. Nurse Corps option applicants must be accepted into an NROTC Program approved BSN nursing program at a participating NROTC or cross-town affiliated university.

b. Applicants must have completed at least two years of college (or three years of college if enrolled in a five-year program) with a C+ average or better (2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale) before attending the Naval Science Institute (NSI).

c. Applicants must have completed one year of differential and integral calculus of one real variable with grades of C or better (2.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale) prior to enrollment at NSI. The requirement for completed calculus will not be waived. Additionally, scholarship students will be required to complete a minimum of one year of calculus-based physics prior to commissioning. (Calculus and physics are not required for Nurse Corps option).

d. Applicants must complete a DODMERB physical and be determined physically qualified or waiverable for the NROTC Program.

e. All physically qualified selectees must successfully complete NSI at Newport, Rhode Island, in the summer before their junior year to receive the scholarship.

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5. Medical Examination Information

a. Two-year Program. Applicants are required to initiate DODMERB physical at the time of application. Applicants selected for the two-year program must have completed a DODMERB physical and be determined physically qualified or waiverable for the NROTC Program before orders will be issued to attend NSI in Newport, Rhode Island. Applicants may contact any NROTC unit for assistance. NROTC units are aware of this requirement and can assist the Fleet members in obtaining a physical. Fleet members who cannot contact a NROTC unit because they are deployed or overseas, can work through their command to complete the physical. Applicants processing their applications at their commands should contact CNET at (850) 452-4941 Ext. 320 or 321/DSN 922 for assistance in scheduling their DODMERB physicals.

b. Four-year Program. The names and addresses of applicants selected for scholarships will automatically be provided to the DODMERB, who will contact each applicant to schedule a time and location for a physical examination. A DODMERB certification of physical eligibility is required before a scholarship can be activated.

6. Application Submission Procedures and Deadlines.

Application Procedures. Applicants must fill out the Officer Programs Application form (Chapter 2), and submit it via their chain of command by the following deadlines:

a. Two-year Program: Applicant must complete all application requirements and mail to Chief of Naval Education and Training, Code OTE6/081, Attention: NROTC 2-Year Scholarship Selection Board, 250 Dallas Street, Pensacola, FL 32508-5220. The deadline for receipt of completed two-year scholarship applications is 15 March of the year expected to enter college.

b. Four-year Program: Applicant must complete all application requirements and mail to CNET, Code OTE6/081, Attention: NROTC 4-Year Scholarship Selection Board, 250 Dallas

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Street, Pensacola, FL 32508-5220. The deadline for receipt of completed four-year scholarship applications is 31 January of the year expected to enter college.

(1) Applicants must register and pay for SAT or ACT tests, and request that the test results be sent to the Chief of Naval Education and Training (CNET). Use Code 0656 for both the SAT and ACT. Applicants are encouraged to take one or both of these examinations at the earliest opportunity. The SAT or ACT tests may be taken through the national testing program or through the Navy College Office. Scores are acceptable from tests taken on or after 1 January up to two years prior to application submission. Tests administered through the Navy College Office should be taken before October. The deadline date for the receipt of "rushed" (extra fee) SAT or ACT scores is 30 December. Detailed information and registration forms for these tests may be obtained by writing to:

SAT: The College Entrance Examination Board  
Code 592  
Princeton, NJ 08540

ACT: The Assessment College Testing Program  
Box 414  
Iowa City, IA 52240

(2) CNET will not accept test scores from tests taken after 30 December of the year for which the service member desires selection to the NROTC Program. If an applicant has taken the SAT and/or the ACT, but did not indicate that the test scores be forwarded to Commander, Navy Recruiting Command (COMNAVCRUITCOM), the applicant contact the appropriate testing agency and request that the scores be forwarded. If the applicant has a copy of the test results, he/she may include them along with the application instead of writing to the testing agency.

7. Information and Guidance for Commanding Officers. Upon receipt of an application, the commanding officer will:

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a. Interview and provide a recommendation using the Commanding Officer's Recommendation form included in the Officer Programs Application. Ensure that the applicant meets all eligibility criteria and identify and make recommendations in cases where waivers are required.

b. Ensure that each NROTC Scholarship Program applicant has been counseled as to his or her financial status and the extent of benefits while enrolled in an NROTC Scholarship program.

c. Forward applications to:

Two-year Program:

Chief of Naval Education and Training  
Code OTE6/081  
Attention: NROTC 2-Year Scholarship Selection Board  
250 Dallas Street  
Pensacola, FL 32508-5220

Four-year Program:

Chief of Naval Education and Training  
Code OTE6/081  
Attention: NROTC 4-Year Scholarship Selection Board  
250 Dallas Street  
Pensacola, FL 32508-5220

8. Administrative Information

a. Change of address and selection notification.

Two-year Program: Applicants must notify CNET of any change in mailing address by writing:

Chief of Naval Education and Training  
Code OTE6/081  
Attention: NROTC 2-Year Scholarship Selection  
Board  
250 Dallas Street  
Pensacola, FL 32508-5220

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Four-year Program: Applicants must notify CNET of any change in address by writing:

Chief of Naval Education and Training  
Code OTE6/081  
Attention: NROTC 4-Year Scholarship Selection  
250 Dallas Street  
Pensacola, FL 32508-5220

9. Selection Board Evaluation. NROTC Scholarship selection boards evaluate applicants in two general areas. The selection board will first evaluate applicants' potential as future naval officers. Factors considered include professional performance while on active duty, leadership positions of responsibility held, command comments, and the personal statement. The selection board will then evaluate applicants' academic potential. It will specifically evaluate applicants' ability to complete a year of calculus and a year of calculus-based physics, which are required before graduation (Nurse Corps option applicants excepted). Factors considered will be past academic performance as reflected in high school and college transcripts, Navy technical school performance, teacher or instructor comments, and performance on the SAT or ACT. Additional information, which may explain or offset any weaknesses in the above areas should be provided with the application.

10. Service Obligation

a. Enlisted members who are selected for NROTC Scholarship Programs will be issued orders from their present duty stations to the appropriate NROTC units (via NSI in the case of two-year scholarship selectees). After reporting to their units, scholarship recipients will be released from active duty and appointed Midshipmen, U.S. Naval Reserve, for a period of eight years. Selectees shall further agree to accept appointments, if offered, as commissioned officers upon successful completion of their programs.

b. An Enlisted Navy Career Options for Reenlistment

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(ENCORE) quota is not a requirement for officer accession programs. Selectees for officer accession programs do not need to request ENCORE reenlistment or extension quotas in order to acquire the necessary obligated service for those programs.

c. Members selected for the Four-year Scholarship Program must have at least 36 months of active obligated service remaining as of the date they report to their NROTC units or extend their enlistments by the number of months necessary to meet the 36 month requirement.

d. Members who enter NROTC Scholarship Programs from active duty and disenroll prior to entering their sophomore years will be ordered back to active duty to fulfill the unexpired terms of their enlisted commitments.

e. If disenrolled from the NROTC Scholarship Program after commencement of their sophomore year, members may be ordered back to active duty or, at the Secretary of the Navy's discretion, be ordered to reimburse the United States for educational expenses.

f. Upon successful completion of the NROTC Scholarship Program, the minimum active commissioned service requirement is 4 years. Members who do not complete this obligation may be required to serve on active duty for a period of not more than 4 years or to reimburse the United States for educational expenses.

#### 11. Withdrawal of Application or Recommendation

a. An applicant may withdraw from consideration any time prior to transfer from present duty station. A selectee wishing to withdraw should decline transfer orders and notify the Chief of Naval Education and Training (see paragraph 8 for address and phone number).

b. Commanding officers shall immediately inform the Chief of Naval Education and Training (CNET) of circumstances that would affect the members continued program eligibility. These

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circumstances include a marked drop in the overall performance, civilian or military violations which have resulted or have the potential to result in conviction or imposition of punishment or other program eligibility standards.

12. Transfer Policy

a. Candidates for NROTC who receive Permanent Change of Station orders for execution subsequent to the NROTC application deadline should not be transferred until officially notified of selection or non-selection to NROTC. If a transfer directive is received, the commanding officer shall notify the orders originating authority that the individual has applied for NROTC and that orders are being held in abeyance until notification of selection or non-selection is received. If the applicant is selected, commanding officers shall notify the orders originating authority that the individual has been selected and that the orders are considered canceled. If the applicant is not selected for NROTC, the command shall transfer the individual and notify the orders originating authority that the orders have been complied with, referencing the previous correspondence, which held the orders in abeyance.

b. Nurse Corps. NROTC Nurse Corps option selectees must sign a Page 13 entry before executing orders to their NROTC unit, acknowledging that they have been selected for the Nurse Corps option only and that they may not transfer their scholarship benefits to the regular NROTC Scholarship Programs.

13. Inquiries. Additional information on the NROTC Scholarship Programs can be obtained from the following:

Application Information:

Chief of Naval Education and Training  
Code OTE6/081  
Attention: NROTC Scholarship Selection Board  
250 Dallas Street  
Pensacola, FL 32508-5220

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1-800-NAV-ROTC Ext. 320, 321, or 311  
(850) 452-4941 ext. 320, 321 or 311/DSN 922

NROTC Web Page:

Select NROTC on the CNET homepage: [www.cnet.navy.mil](http://www.cnet.navy.mil)  
Email address: [nrotc.scholarship@smtp.cnet.navy.mil](mailto:nrotc.scholarship@smtp.cnet.navy.mil)

Medical Qualification Information (Physical Scheduling  
or Physical Status):

Department of Defense Medical Examination Review Board  
(DODMERB) 1-800-841-2706, (719) 333-3562 or 3/DSN 333

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